

The Pharmaceutical Management Branch (PMB), Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program (CTEP), Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis (DCTD), National Cancer Institute (NCI) has opened their telephone number to be available 24/7 to respond to any questions concerning patients and institutions impacted by Hurricane Katrina. **The number is 301-496-5725.** This line will be answered 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (ET) by a technical receptionist. After hours and on weekends, callers can leave a message and an NCI employee will respond within an hour. Please use this number for all hurricane related questions and concerns. If it is not an issue PMB would normally handle, we will find the answer for you. This single point of contact for all CTEP Branches will make the best use of your valuable time.

The types of issues we should be able to help you with include:

- Drug information
- Drug storage information
- Drug shipment information, including tracking information
- Changing a shipping address
- Arranging for a protocol document to be sent
- Arranging for an Investigator's Brochure (IB) to be sent
- Making arrangements for a patient that needs to be treated by a local physician, even if that physician is not currently registered with the NCI
- IRB questions
- Resources available in a given geographic area
- Contact information for a wide variety of resources
- Compassionate release (Special Exception) program

Don't hesitate to call with ANY question or concern.